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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CLAIMS FOR PRIORITY**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and information for entry into the record are respectfully submitted.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.

**IN THE TITLE:**

OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING INACCESSIBLE  
RESTRICTED BLOCK(S), AND SYSTEMS INCORPORATING SAME